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FREE FISHING DAY

Idaho Falls, Idaho: Free Fishing Day is this Saturday, June 7, 2003. The Caribou-Targhee National Forest, in cooperation with Idaho Department of Fish & Game, is celebrating Free Fishing Day by providing three Free Fishing Day Derbies for kids. Most of the children's fishing derbies will start at 8:00 a.m. Saturday morning. The Mill Creek Pond Derby will start at 10:00 a.m. The derbies are distributed throughout Eastern Idaho.

Mill Creek Pond: A small-fed pond, approximately 4 miles west of Island Park on the Yale-Kilgore Road (FS Road 030) starts at 10 a.m.

Yeaman Pond in the Little Lemhi Camp: On the south side of the South Fork of the Snake River. Boy Scout Camp Little Lemhi is on Fall Creek Road (FS Road 58), approximately 9 miles east of its intersection with Highway 26. The camp is only 3 miles northwest of Palisades Dam, but lately the dam has been closed to motor vehicle crossing, so it will be necessary for you to drive along Fall Creek Road.

Kelly Park, Soda Springs: A small spring-fed pond located in Kelly Park in the town of Soda Springs.

Several merchants have contributed to the children's prizes. These merchants include: All American Sports, CAL Ranch Stores, Chota Outdoor Gear of Knoxville, Hydes Drift Boats, Idaho Sporting Goods Company, Shopko, Sportsman's Warehouse, Target and Walmart. There will be adults available to provide instructions. Idaho Department of Fish & Game will stock the ponds prior to the event.

"This is a great opportunity to introduce kids to the sport of fishing," says James Capurso, Caribou-Targhee National Forest Fisheries Biologist. "These are small ponds which provide a great opportunity for teaching and supervision. It is guaranteed fun!"

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The events are set up for children. There will be Forest Service and Idaho Department of Fish & Game employees on hand to assist those that are fishing for the first time and those that catch the really, really big fish and can't yard them in by themselves. Although you do not need a license to fish on June 7 this year, you still must be consistent with the fishing regulations, so bring them along if you are going out to fish that day.

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